



# MEAP

## Coordinator Update

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### Spring 2004 High School Test Results

Spring 2004 High School MEAP results are now available to schools and districts on the new MEAP Secure Site at [www.michigan.gov/meap-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/meap-secure). Please note that the information posted is for the most recent test administration. A merger of data from the past several administrations is being processed by the Merit Award Office. This information will be combined with individual student results from other testing windows for the "Class of" reports.

Printed results are being shipped to schools this week. Included in the shipment will be district reports, building reports, parent reports and student labels, along with the Guide to Reports handbook.

### Research Window for Spring 2004 Ends August 2nd

Schools and districts will have a research opportunity until Monday, August 2, at 5:00 p.m. to (1) submit questions regarding scores, (2) request consolidation of individual student scores that may have been reported under multiple spelling/variations of student names, and (3) move student scores to the correct school. Other items tendered for research by the deadline will be considered depending on the circumstances and time available.

Please be aware that the next step for the Spring 2004 data involves processing for Annual Yearly Progress and Education YES! reports. Please don't miss the research deadline.

Your research request should be sent via email to [meap@michigan.gov](mailto:meap@michigan.gov). Please include the following information in this order: District code, building code, contact person's name, contact person's daytime and after-hours phone number, name of the student, and the issue in question.

### New MEAP Web Addresses

The following web address changes reflect the move of MEAP back to the Department of Education:

[www.michigan.gov/meap](http://www.michigan.gov/meap) now points to the new MEAP home page. This page replaces the MEAP portion of the former Michigan Merit Award and MEAP site. The new page offers separate sections featuring "What's New," "Information for Students and Parents," and "Information for Educators" and others. Look for more changes in the near future as the page is expanded to include more information, graphics, and photos. Look to the buttons on the left side of the page to navigate to other MEAP-related locations, including the MEAP secure site.

[www.michigan.gov/meap-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/meap-secure) now points to the MEAP secure web site.

[www.michigan.gov/oeaa](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa) points to the existing assessment and accountability web site (also scheduled for updating).

Your comments and suggestions on the site and ideas for future improvements are welcome. Please send comments or suggestions to [meap@michigan.gov](mailto:meap@michigan.gov).

## **OEAA and MEAP Welcomes New Staff Members**

The MEAP Office welcomes three new staff members: **Dr. William Brown**, Test Development Coordinator; **Al Gat**, Coordinator for Planning, Operations Analysis and Financial Management, and **Dr. Joseph Martineau**, Psychometrician for the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability.

**Dr. William Brown** has an B.Sc. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in Classroom Teaching from Eastern Michigan University and a Ph.D. in Measurement and Quantitative Methods from Michigan State University.

Bill comes back to us most recently from Lansing Community College where he was Director of Institutional Assessment. Some of you may remember him from his previous service with the MEAP Office as an Educational Research Consultant (1988-93), where he worked with the Employability Skills Project and as coordinator of test administration.

Bill enjoys spending time with his four grandchildren, who are the main reasons why he and his wife came back to Lansing after a four-year stint as Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment for the Minneapolis Public Schools.

**Mr. Al Gat** holds an B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Michigan - Dearborn.

Before taking this position with MDE, Al served as Financial Coordinator for the Office of the Michigan Merit Award and Office of Information and Resources in the Department of Treasury and prior to that was a Business Manager for the state's Department of Management and Budget, Office of Property Services,. Al also has experience as a production coordinator doing extensive work with logistics and process controls and was an assistant controller with a software developer in Auburn Hills, MI before starting work with the State of Michigan in 1997.

Al enjoys spending time with his wife and two children, and if time permits, squeezing in a game of golf.

**Dr. Joseph Martineau** holds an B.A. in Linguistics and an M.S. in Instructional Psychology & Technology from Brigham Young University, and a Ph.D. in Educational Measurement & Quantitative Methods from Michigan State University.

Dr. Martineau has 7 years experience as a psychometric, statistical, and methodological consultant on large-scale Educational Research Projects. His expertise is in Classical Test Theory, (Multidimensional) Item Response Theory, Hierarchical Linear Models, Growth Modeling, Value-Added Modeling, and Accountability.

Joseph is fortunate to be married to Cindi, and to be the father of four young children: Nathan, May, Elijah, and Sariah--therefore, husbanding and fathering is his hobby.

Although not “new” to the MEAP staff, **James A. Griffiths** joined the MEAP staff in December 2003 as the Coordinator of Test Administration and Reporting.

Jim holds a B.B.A. in Business and Economics and a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, both from Saginaw Valley State University. This fall he will be entering his third year in the Ph.D. program in K-12 Educational Administration at Michigan State University.

Jim served for seven years as a district testing coordinator when he joined Bay City Public Schools as Director of Research and Student Services in 1990, then continued on to director assignments in Bay City in Technology, Personnel and Community Services. He joined Carrollton Public Schools in the fall of 2001 as Director of Finance and Personnel.

Jim is married to Ann and they reside in Bay City with their son, Evan, a junior in high school. Jim enjoys fly-fishing, music, reading, and church and community activities.

## **Error Messages When Printing PDF Documents**

It has come to our attention that users may encounter an error message when trying to print PDF reports from the secure web site. Users may receive an error message "Cannot start print job." This occurs if you are using Adobe Acrobat Reader 6.0 and the URL associated with that PDF file is longer than 261 characters.

To resolve the problem, please update to version 6.0.1 of Acrobat Reader (if you are using version 6.0). Alternatively, you may save the PDF file before printing it, or shorten the URL to less than 261 characters to overcome the problem.

Acrobat updates can be downloaded from  
[www.adobe.com/support/downloads/main.html](http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/main.html)

For a detailed guide to *Troubleshooting Printing Problems in Acrobat*, please refer to Adobe's support web site at <http://www.adobe.com/support/techdocs/33396.htm>

## **Office of Educational Assessment & Accountability (OEAA) Fall 2004 Conference – Registration available mid-August**

The registration brochure will be available in mid-August at [www.gomiem.org](http://www.gomiem.org) for the Fall 2004 OEAA Conference (formerly known as the MEAP Conference). Participants must register either on-line at [www.gomiem.org](http://www.gomiem.org) or by using the brochure. The MEAP Office does not take conference registrations.

This OEAA one-day conference is designed to assist schools and districts in managing assessment and accountability issues. The cost for pre-registration is \$80 and walk-ins are \$100. You are encouraged to register early, as seating is limited! If you have any questions regarding the fall conferences, please contact Tami Feldpausch in the MEAP Office at 1-800-560-8378.

Join us for one of the following dates and locations:

Tuesday, September 21, 2004 - Marquette, Northern Michigan University  
Wednesday, September 22, 2004 - Grayling, Holiday Inn  
Monday, October 4, 2004 - Lansing, Lansing Center  
Wednesday, October 13, 2004 - Grand Rapids, Crowne Plaza  
Monday, October 18, 2004 - Sterling Heights, Best Western Sterling Inn

## Call for Volunteer Schools for Pilot Testing, Winter 2005

To comply with No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements, MEAP will be conducting field tests this winter. Field testing will be accomplished through the MEAP tests or stand alone field tests.

MEAP tests will be comprised of operational items and field test items. However, the field test items will not be used for scoring or reporting purposes. Students are unable to determine which items are field test items since they are mixed in with operational items. MEAP tests will be administered at the same grade levels as they have in recent years:

Grade 4 – English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics  
Grade 5 – Science, Social Studies  
Grade 7 – ELA  
Grade 8 – Mathematics, Science, Social Studies

Stand alone field tests will be comprised of only field test items and will not be used for scoring or reporting purposes. Schools will be randomly selected to participate in the stand alone field tests. Measurement Incorporated, a contractor for MEAP, will be contacting schools prior to the testing window to inform them of their selection and determine if the school is willing to participate. Stand alone field tests will be administered in participating schools at the following grade levels:

Grade 3 – ELA, Mathematics  
Grade 5 – ELA, Mathematics  
Grade 6 – ELA, Mathematics  
Grade 7 – Mathematics  
Grade 8 - ELA

There will be some opportunities to participate for schools that are not selected as part of the random sample. If your school would like to volunteer for the stand alone field testing, please contact [MEAP@michigan.gov](mailto:MEAP@michigan.gov) or call Wanda Fedewa at 1-800-560-8378 to apply.

## Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA)

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New MEAP Web Site: [www.michigan.gov/meap](http://www.michigan.gov/meap)  
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